



Massachusetts, 1801

A state of the northeast United States. It was admitted as one of the original Thirteen Colonies in 1788. The first European settlement was made by the Pilgrims of the *Mayflower* in 1620. Governed by the Massachusetts Bay Company from 1629 until 1684, the colony was a leader in the move for independence from Great Britain and the site of the first battles of the Revolutionary War in 1775.

Type/Rig: Topsail schooner

Builder: ?; Boston, Massachusetts

Length: 58' 6-1/2"

Beam: 17' 9"

Draft: 10'

Displacement: 62-48/98 tons

Cost: \$

Commissioned: 1801

Decommissioned:

Disposition:

Machinery:

Performance & Endurance:

Max:

Cruising:

Complement:

Armament:

History:

The third cutter to bear the name *Massachusetts* was built in Boston, Massachusetts, to replace the second cutter bearing that same name. She entered service in 1801 and was commanded by Revenue Captain John Foster Williams. She sailed at times north to Passamaquoddy Bay near the Canadian border and also assisted in the construction of the Boon Island lighthouse in 1805.

By 1814 she was considered to unsafe and was sold.

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